

THE STATUS OF DURRANT'S CASE

It Is Peculiar, and Excites Much
Comment.

A DECISION WILL BE GIVEN TODAY

CORONER'S JURY LOOKING UP
THE HOFFMAN CASE.

Inquest Will Not Be Held Until the
Business Books of the Firm Have
Been Examined—Lillian Black
Marries the Man Who Stabbed
Her—Los Angeles Has a New
Mining Exchange—Sensation in
the Davis Will Case.

San Francisco, June 7.—The peculiar status of the Durrant case is exciting an unusual amount of public comment. Since the postponement of Warden's execution the opinion is generally expressed that Durrant will not hang on Friday next. Attorney-General Fitzgerald, however, said today that unless officially notified or restrained Warden Hale stands ready to carry out the sentence. Warden Hale has asked for the opinion of the attorney-general, who will render his decision tomorrow. So confident is Theodore Durrant of the outcome of his appeal to the court of last resort that he is already making plans for the future. It is generally believed among the legal fraternity that the action of the supreme court Governor Budd will grant a reprieve in order to prevent the necessity of re-sentencing the prisoner and the endless litigation which it might result in.

THE HOFFMAN CASE.

Inquest Postponed For Very Good
Reasons.

San Francisco, June 7.—The jury subpoenaed by the coroner in the mysterious Hoffman case was taken down to the scene of the tragedy this morning by Coroner Hawkins and Dr. Gallagher, who performed an autopsy upon the body of the deceased. The arrival at the Battery street office Chief of Police Lee proceeded to explain the situation, but was interrupted by Attorney Ach, who represented the relatives of the deceased. He claimed the conduct of the chief as highly improper, and a lively tilt ensued, as the chief resented the implication that he was attempting to influence the jurors toward the suicidal theory.

No date has yet been set for the inquest, the coroner having acceded to the request of the police not to hold it until the books of the firm have been examined.

Davis Will Case Sensation.

San Francisco, June 7.—A sensation was sprung by counsel for the contestants in the Davis will case today when it was shown that the ashes of the deceased millionaire, over whose property his heirs are now fighting, are being held by Undertaker Schuyler of Philadelphia as security for the sum of \$500, the value of the casket in which the remains were before being cremated, as well as for the process of embalming.

It is contended by the other side, however, that the ashes only remain in the custody of the undertaker because no one has any authority to take charge of them.

Loved Him All the More.

Fresno, Cal., June 7.—Alfred Corley, who stabbed his sweetheart, Miss Lillian Black, at Kingsburg, Sunday, and was charged with assault to murder, was married to the woman at noon today. Miss Black procured a divorce from her husband, and went to the jail for the performance.

Mangled Under a Train.

Fresno, Cal., June 7.—Alfred Pearce, in attempting to board a train at Merced, this morning, fell and was run over and horribly mangled. After being taken to the hospital here he died. He is said to be a cousin of ex-Mayor Eliot of San Francisco.

Los Angeles Mining Exchange.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 7.—Today was the first time on which stocks were being called at the new Mining Exchange in this city, and 62,000 shares were handled, principally in the case of the Desert mine, of southern California. There was a large number of people present and much interest was taken.

Another "Frisco" Fire.

San Francisco, June 7.—Another big fire threatened the southern portion of the city this afternoon. Four alarms were turned in, the first at 1:20 o'clock and, following no other cause, the fatal fire of yesterday, it caused much excitement.

The extensive plant of the Truckee Lumber company and its factory on Berry street between Fourth and Fifth was the scene of today's fire. The blaze started in the sawdust bin in the rear of the factory, from some unknown cause, and spread with such rapidity that before the arrival of the fire brigade the main building was enveloped in flames. From the factory the fire spread to the lumber yard, and, joining, was checked before much damage had resulted to the stock on hand there.

The factory was completely gutted, however, and a rough estimate of the damage places the loss at \$50,000, of which at least one-half was in machinery. The latter was insured for \$10,000 and the contents of the building were insured for \$40,000 more.

About \$6,000 worth of finished lumber was so charred and warped by the heat and flames as to be useless.

POSTAL CONGRESS.

Next Universal Meeting Will Be
Held in Rome.

Chicago, June 7.—The Universal Postal convention will hold its next sectional convention at Rome, Italy, in February, 1903. This decision was reached at the last meeting of the body at Washington, but withheld from the public. It will be formally announced at the close of the present convention next week. The congress has disposed of all the work before it, save for signing the general convention and treaty, and to take final action on the question of parcels post, looking principally to extending the parcels post arrangements of this country, with various individual countries like Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany and Belgium. The formal convention of this country, which began today, has brought together 4,000 people from points outside of Maryland, and promises to be the most interesting meeting in the history of the

The Dunkards Meet.

Frederick, Md., June 7.—The annual conference of the American Baptist Church of the United States, otherwise known as the Dunkards, which began today, has brought together 4,000 people from points outside of Maryland, and promises to be the most interesting meeting in the history of the

ESCAPE OF A CONVICT

Clever Trick Worked at the Pen-
itentiary Yesterday.

FRANK HAMILTON CARRIED OUT IN A CINDER BOX.

When the penitentiary gong called the convicts to their cells, preliminary to the march to the dining room yesterday noon, No. 521 was missing. The alarm was given and the institution thoroughly searched, but the prisoner had vanished, leaving no apology to Warden Dow for such discourtesy and no clue to the plan adopted for effecting his escape.

SERVING 12 YEARS.

No. 521 is known to the outside world as Frank Hamilton. He is a young man and was undergoing a 12-year term for highway robbery and attempt to kill.

CUBA AS SEEN

BY CALHOUN.

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executed at any moment. He loved his wife and children and in the darkness and loneliness of his cell he was constantly crying out for them. The thought that they were but a few rods away and he might never see them again or hear the sound of their voices or feel the touch of their lips and hands maddened him and proved too much for the mind of the distracted and unhappy man. I thought, I thought, I thought as the long hours passed by, it may have given way and left him a mad man. His wife says his derby hat was all battered up and his clothes greatly torn when he returned to her.

"But, whether, when bereft of reason, he inflicted the blows which produced brain congestion, or whether he died at the hands of others, the truth is probably only to be known when the hearts of all are revealed—the facts remain, his unjust confinement killed him, and he has been released from incommunicado, by the hand of man at the end of 72 hours the hand of death might not have released him at the end of 24 hours, and he would have had the support of his fatherless children would not have been heard in the land."

"I, therefore, conclude, saying as I have done in all previous reports about this case, that whether Dr. Ruiz killed himself or was killed by some other, will, under the existing conditions, always remain unknown."

VEST'S MOTION

KNOCKED COLD

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then agreed to, also the paragraph on clubbing, chairs and chairs, can, heretofore passed over.

Mr. Allen then moved to substitute the provision of the Wilson bill for the lumber schedule. Rejected—21 to 37.

UP TO SUGAR.

This disposal of the wool schedule and again brought the senate up to the question of the sugar schedule. Mr. Allen said the committee going of with that schedule.

Mr. Allen said that it was possible that some amendments might be made to the sugar schedule, so that it would be expedient to go on with it tomorrow. It was the purpose of the committee to have that schedule considered as early as possible. If any changes were made they would be made in the morning, and then the sufficient time would be given gentlemen on the other side to consider them. It was agreed to vote tomorrow, then the tobacco schedule would be considered, and if that went over the agricultural schedule would be taken up.

In response to further inquiries, Mr. Allen said that Mr. Aldrich hoped to be present in the morning, and that the sugar schedule, and his health was such that he might not be able to attend tomorrow. He again stated the senate schedule "might be modified," in which case the committee would have full opportunity to consider the changes.

Mr. Allen said the committee was ready to proceed tomorrow on any schedule the other side might desire to take up.

At this point Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, said the minority desired to know precisely what the sugar schedule would be or would not be taken up tomorrow.

The senator should, remember," answered Mr. Jones, "the sugar schedule is in order now and sufficient time to-day is the evil or the good thereof."

"I submit that the minority has a right to know what will be done," persisted Mr. Jones.

"I give notice," concluded Mr. Allen, "that the sugar schedule will be passed over tomorrow and that the tobacco schedule will be taken up."

Mr. Jones then moved to amend the act for constructing a steel bridge across the St. Louis river was passed.

Mr. McMillan (Tennessee) called attention to the fact that the last bill had not been considered by any committee in the present house. (It had been passed by the last house.)

"We are working up the remnants of the last house," said he.

A senate bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the river, Massachusetts, was passed.

Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) then moved an amendment.

"As long as the Cuban resolution and bankruptcy bill are undisposed of," interposed Mr. Bailey before the vote was taken, "we feel constrained to resist the motion to adjourn."

The motion secured its first victory this session, when on a rising vote the motion to adjourn was carried—29 to 38.

The opposition cheered the announcement.

Mr. Grosvenor immediately demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered. The roll call reversed the previous vote and the motion to adjourn was carried—38 to 29.

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